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### REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 26-50 have been cancelled, claim 16 has been amended and claims 51-53 have been added. The specification also has been amended to correct informalities and an abstract is provided. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments; support therefor being found throughout the specification and in the original claims of the application. Additionally, the within amendment is presented to pursue examination of previously non-elected subject matter: the invention of Group II, per the Restriction Requirement of March 26, 2003, in the parent case (USSN 09/964,260). Other amendments have been made merely to conform the application to U.S. patent practice.

Early examination and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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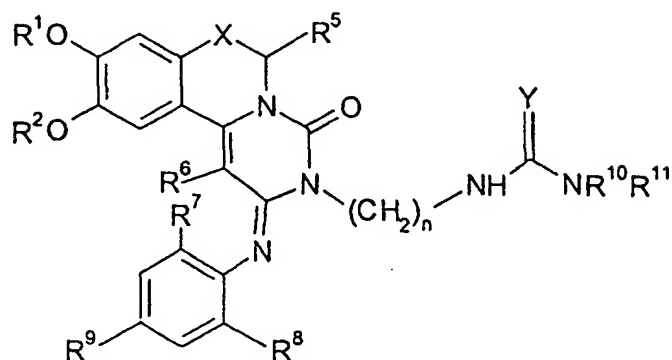
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## ABSTRACT

The invention provides compounds or salts thereof of the general formula (I):



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wherein each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently represents a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl or  $C_{2-7}$  acyl group; X represents  $OCH_2$  or a group  $CR^3R^4$ ; wherein each of  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl group;  $R^5$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-3}$  alkenyl or  $C_{2-3}$  alkynyl group;  $R^6$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl, amino,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylamino, di( $C_{1-6}$ ) alkylamino or  $C_{2-7}$  acylamino group; each of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  independently represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a hydroxy, trifluoromethyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl,  $C_{2-7}$  acyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylthio,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl; and  $R^9$  represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a hydroxy, trifluoromethyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl,  $C_{2-7}$  acyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylthio,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy or  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl group. The compounds or salts thereof are useful for treatment of respiratory disorders such as asthma. Compounds of the invention have a longer duration of action than the known compound trequinsin (9,10-dimethoxy-3 methyl-2-mesitylimino-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-pyrimido[6,1-a]isoquinolin-4-one).